

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: NOVEL MEGAKARYOCYTIC PROTEIN TYROSINE KINASES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 8, delete the paragraph beginning on line 7 and ending on line 11 with the following in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached.

Figures 1A – 1C. Human MKK1 nucliotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2). Marked regions show the signal sequence, the SH2 and SH3 domains, and the catalytic domain.

On page 8, delete the paragraph beginning on line 18 and ending on line 22 with the following in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached.